

Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services (MHDS)
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA)¹
Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities

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As the Single State Agency for substance abuse prevention and treatment activities in Nevada, SAPTA has been designated by the Governor to receive and administer his portion of the Safe and Drug Free Schools (SDFS) funding. The Governor's portion of SDFS represents 20% of the total federal SDFS funding. The amount of funding available to SAPTA for the current funding cycle is \$336,307. The rest of SDFS funding (80%) is allocated to the Nevada Department of Education. To ensure that the two different programmatic and fiscal initiatives complement one another and in order to receive related federal education funds, the No Child Left Behind federal legislation requires preparation of a joint state application. The Nevada Department of Education and SAPTA collaborate to complete this application. The Governor's funds are then awarded through a SAPTA Request for Applications (RFA) process to local providers for a three- year project period, with annual non-competitive applications. The current project period is from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008.

The purpose of SDFS is to support programs that:

- Prevent the Illegal Use of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs
- Involve Parents and Communities
- Prevent Violence In and Around Schools

Programs must meet the SDFS requirements and address one or more of the following services or activities:

- Services for out of school youth (school age)
- Alternative education programs
- Activities to protect students traveling to and from school
- Program coordination with law enforcement or other community and state agencies or organizations
- Anti-gang activities
- Community service projects
- Conflict resolution and peer mediation
- Comprehensive services and program
- Drug prevention instruction
- Dissemination of information and media activities
- Parent education and involvement
- After school and before school programs
- Services for youth in school

¹ The Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services (MHDS), Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA), was previously known as the Health Division, Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (BADA).

In an effort to provide comprehensive technical assistance to organizations receiving SDFS funds, SAPTA provides support and technical assistance that include but are not limited to the following areas:

- Fiscal policies
- Program operating standards
- Evidence-based programming
- Workforce development
- Risk and protective factor analysis
- Target population identification
- Environmental strategies
- Community development
- Evaluation

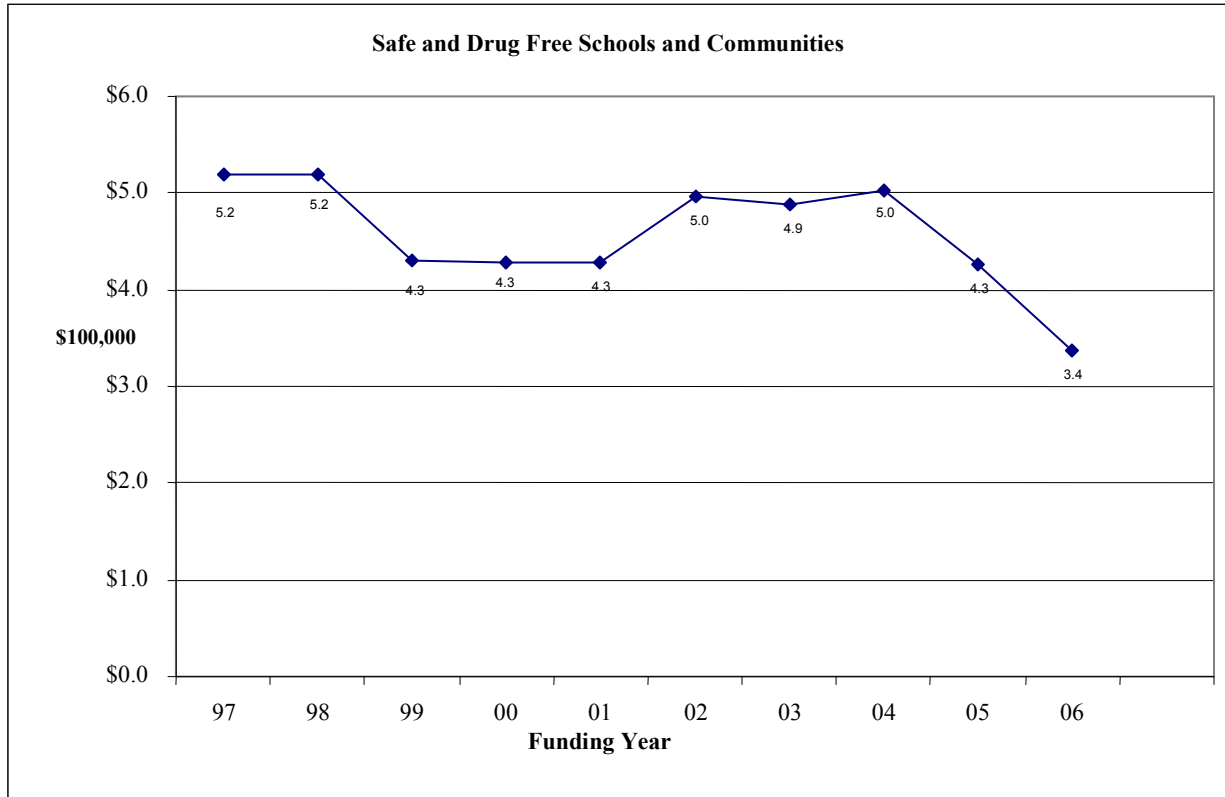
Through the SDFS State Grants Program, SAPTA funded eleven evidence-based programs that target at risk youth including those involved with the juvenile justice system. These eleven programs provide services to 2,205 youth and their parents in ten of Nevada's seventeen counties. The table below details how SAPTA allocated this funding to the communities in SFY 2006.

Safe and Drug Free Schools Project Funded SFY 2006

Agency Name	Program Name	Geographic Area	Total Number Served
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada	Community-Based Mentoring	Washoe County	70 youth and their mentors
Boys and Girls Club of Mason Valley	SMART Moves and Power Hour	Lyon and Churchill	350 youth
Central Lyon Youth Connections	Project SUCCESS	Lyon County	250 youth
Community Chest, Inc.	Dare to be You and Tutoring	Storey County	30 youth
Community Initiatives	Positive Choices for Academic Success	Clark County	345 youth
Douglas County Juvenile Probation	Youth Intervention Program	Douglas County	306 youth and their parents
Eureka County Juvenile Probation	Eureka Drug Free Program (Lifeskills and Tutoring)	Eureka County	129 youth
Frontier Community Coalition	Project MAGIC	Humboldt, Pershing, and Lander Counties	125 youth and their parents
Lutheran Social Services of Nevada	Project 4 Youth (Project Toward No Drug Abuse, Community Service and Youth/Parent Workshops)	Clark County	200 youth and their parents
Nevada Hispanic Services	All Stars	Washoe County	75 youth
University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Positive Action Summer Program	Clark County	325 youth
Total	11 programs offered.	10 counties served.	2,205 youth and parents throughout Nevada

Since 1998 the overall federal SDFS program has been subject to budget cuts at the federal level, with reductions to funding occurring almost yearly. The following chart outlines the overall reduction in federal SDFS funding.

Federal Safe and Drug Free Schools Governor's Portion Allocations, 1997 – 2006



In 1998 Nevada received \$518,296 in SDFS funding. Since that time, the state's overall allocation has been reduced by 35%, so that in 2006 it had decreased to \$336,307. The recommendation for SDFS in FY 2008, according to the current federal budget projection, will be reduced by another 29%, making Nevada's anticipated allocation approximately \$238,500. This downward trend and Nevada's continued reliance on federal funding for substance abuse prevention services will result in yet more cuts to programs at the community level. These providers are often already functioning on very little fiscally and further reductions will result in the further cuts to programs that currently serve over 2,200 youth in Nevada.